## Degradation of Rev. C. De Wlitt Talmage.

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his second trial, which was no fus may soon be free.

HE civilized world was insulted through a pardon by President Loubet andfair at Paris, and the officers of the French prejudice, by more vehement denunciation by Charles O'Conor ever appeared grander in when the judges in the French through some outside help, or through some army who struck down Dreyfus would nev- printing press and platform and pulpit of all any court room. This mighty French lawyer court room convicted Dreyfus on strategic escape from endungeonment, Drey- ertheless get their pay. The merchants and injustice against Jew and Gentile, against brought forensic eloquence to coronation. As

ruffianism of the French court room. Such avenged, and the right will triumph. Mean- of dollars voted by Congress for the favor- can make any valuable prophecy. Something dors of great oratory kindled, the name of goings-on of lawyers and witnesses, and while the sword of France, which has been a able presentation of American fabrics and unexpected will happen. An event will come M. Labori will be honored. judges were unprecedented. We see now brilliant sword, the sword of Lafayette and American invention and American products in upon the French capital as radical, as But poor Dreyfus! he has been sacrificed. that it was as thoroughly decided that Drey- Bonaparte and Marshal Ney, is a bespattered would be wasted. fus should be condemned before the case was sword. The military in their court martial The spirit of revenge and bad feeling would ber, 1851, Napoleon III. and his escort rode He has already endured martyrdom. The at the longest, but nations have a life of gigantic unwisdom. Such boycotting would France, is by establishing complete lairness longed in the body only made and magnificent. Neither and some other tribunal than this world, with the individual ends be of the devil and would do no good. Such in our own courts-martial, by the illustrious est and determined and magnificent. Neither its unjust court rooms. "Behold he cometh

artists and mechanics and manufacturers of white and black, against any race or nation- long as innocence is to be defended, and trial at all. The nations have There will be no peace in France till he is all civilized nations would feel the damage of ality, stood aghast at the outlawry and free. Such a barbarism will somehow be such retallation. The hundreds of thousands As to where this agitation will end, no one raigned, and iniquity assailed, and the spien-

opened as at its close. The witnesses against did this. Spain sank last year to a low level, be fostered, and the spirit of good will buffet- through the Champs Elysee, and constitu- freshest breezes that will ever blow over the prisoner were allowed to make stump and France this year sinks quite as low. The ed and driven back. No! No! It will be an tional government went down under the France cannot give him back steady nerves speeches. The attorneys for the defence were President of France by one stroke of his pen advantage to all the world to have the expo- hoofs of their horses. The victors in this and mental health. The world can never indecorously ordered to sit down. The whole can do much to redeem his nation. May sition at Paris a great success. Let not the conflict in the French court-martial are cele- undo the wrong it has done him. Disimprisscene at times became a bedlam and a riot, eternal justice move him to do the right malevolence of a perfidious court-martial im- brating their Austerlitz. But let them re- onment and restoration to his home, and The result reached is a moral disaster and a thing! But the proposed retaliation on the pede the world's progress. The only way to member that after Austerlitz came Waterloo, years of quietude and plenty, cannot atone national disgrace. We pity France more part of other nations by withholding support war successfully against such ignominy as The hero of that scandalous court room at for the agony of the last five years. There than we pity Dreyfus. Human life is short of the French exposition next year is a that enacted by the court-martial at Rennes, France, was M. Labori. The bullet are wrongs which can never be righted in at the longest, but nations have a life of gigantic unwisdom. Such boycotting would France, is by establishing complete fairness lodged in his body only made him more earn- this world. There must be some other world

in four or five decades, but a national wrong absentation would chiefly punish those who behavior of judges who never disgrace their Edmund Burke, nor Daniel O'Connell, nor with clouds, and every eye shall see hurts many generations. We still hope, are not to blame. Blot out the centennial robes, by annihilation in this country of race Lord Brougham, nor Rufus Choate, nor

righteousness vindicated, and injustice ar-

overpowering as when, on the 2d of Decem- It is not a question whether he shall suffer.

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## French "Methods" and

themselves the best.

for the institutions, customs and manners unfit to sit in judgment. of foreign countries, France has always had By designating them to sit the designating tere means to make an accused, he is newspapers which they have diligently and navy and twice by the President of the more than we do the character of ours.

intervals between wars they hated French- tent to assist the truth when lying witnesses til he did answer, as right richly he would have been done more frequently than surely the American people and navy might men because Frenchmen ate frogs. "Johnny are trying to conceal it under the direction have deserved to be. The innocent person assist the court to a just decision. The it was done. If that is true, or nearly true, have the grace to blush a little at the name. Crapaud's" batrachian diet was the principal of skilled and conscienceless attorneys li- cannot incriminate himself; why should not jurors, if there are jurors, are neither friendly and I believe it, the American's right to sneer Levy. And the American army-well, Crapaud's" hatrachian diet was the principal of skilled and conscienceless attorneys it cannot incriminate himself; why should not jurors, if there are jurors, are neither friendly and I believe it, the American's right to sheer count in the indictment against him in all the censed to deceive. But his competence is a the guilty be made to? I should prefer to see nor hostile; are open-minded, intelligent and at the Frenchman's "judicial methods" is still south the convertion of the convertion o lampoons and broadsides wherein he figured basic assumption of the law vesting him with the questioning and threatening done by the conscientious. As to the witnesses, are they an open question, despite the conviction of brother cadets slit his ears and the whole to his disadvantage. The same thing was the duty of deciding. Having chosen him for prosecuting attorney instead of the judge, not sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth the man Dreyfus, in whom the whole civil- army solemnly accepted their explanation true in this country down to the time when that duty, the French law very logically lets but that is a detail.

trial by a court-martial we heard comestible's abundance the disrespectful accessible to just such influences and suasions In giving hearsay evidence, for example, he this ideal picture and what actually occurs as it concerns American love of a good deal about the dreadful na- term "frog-eating Frenchman" is familiar on as he is accustomed to when making con- may suggest a new and important witness, all know, or should know. The judge is com- fair play for the Jews and resultment of racial ture of French "judicial methods," the rural lip. But from a court-martial at scious and unconscious decisions in his per- of whom the counsel for the other side would monly an ignoramus incapable of logical intolerance in the French army, I venture to

have been admitted in an American or Brit- civil and martial, appears to consist of per- been suffered to consider only such evidence open an entirely new line of inquiry, or utation to "make a record," and tries to con- therein an account of the most incredible perish court. That, I think, might be true, and sonal impressions and opinions of the wit- as the late lamented Mr. Greenleaf would throw upon the case a flood of light. Every vict by hook or crook, even when he is him- secutions and outrages inflicted by his prohis conviction just and reasonable, neverthe- nesses. In the case of Dreyfus many of have thought good for him. Indeed, I doubt one knows what revelations are sometimes self persuaded of the defendant's innocence, fessional brethren upon a brave, honorable less. It is natural that our press and people, these, especially those for the prosecution, if his understanding would be clarified and his evoked by apparently the most insignificant Counsel for the defence, equally unscrupt- and unoffending Jewish officer of the Amerilike the press and people of every other coun- actually had themselves called to the stand infallibility assured even by putting out his remarks. try that has both, should regard their own whenever they wanted to say something, and eyes and stopping up his ears. "judicial methods" as the best, just as they there delivered themselves of long, passionate There may be a distinct gain to justice in profit that way? There is a still greater ad- against each other in deceiving the court by Says the historian: think everything that they have the best, and harangues, which received the solemn atten- permitting a witness to say whatever be vantage in the French "method." By giving every artifice of which they are masters. tion of the judges. Hardly a witness on wants to say. If he is telling the truth he a witness free rein in expression of his per. Witnesses on both sides perjure themselves characteristics. The sentiment of patriotism is not modest; either side appears to have thought it worth will not contradict himself; if he is lying the sonal opinions and feelings we should be freely, and with almost perfect immunity, if the sonal opinions and feelings we should be freely, and with almost perfect immunity, if the sonal opinions and feelings we should be freely, and with almost perfect immunity, if the sonal opinions and feelings we should be freely, and with almost perfect immunity, if the sonal opinions are sometiment of patriotism is not modest; either side appears to have thought it worth will not contradict himself; if he is lying the sonal opinions are sometiment of patriotism is not modest. it knows how to lay a claim and make a while to mask his sympathies and forego more rope he is given the more surely he able to calculate his frame of mind, his good detected. At the close of it all the poor noise about it. The average American whom the pleasure of expressing his view of the will entangle himself. To the service of that or ill will to the prosecution or defence and, weary jurors, hopelessly bewildered, and dignified courts took cogn the average newspaper is proud and happy prisoner's guilt or innocence. All very im- end defendants and prisoners should, I think, therefore, to a certain extent his credibility, dumbly resentful of their duping, render a Not only took cognizance of the charges, to represent, is a patriot first and an observer proper and mischievous, no doubt, if-if be compelled to testify and denied the aclast; he is a thinker never. In his contempt what? Why, obviously, if the judges were vantage of declining to answer, for silence is perjury to conceal all this, even from him, best expresses their secret animosity to the cused, who, however, was once saved by in-

reprobation, which is largely, no doubt, he- they knew enough to take such things for applies the same principle that a parent uses. In theory our system is perfect. The acreditary. Most of us have had English an- what they are worth, to make the necessary with a suspected child. When the Grand- cused is prosecuted by a public officer, who, who, when impeached for an outrageous de- "Shubrick box cestors, to whom Frenchmen were for cen- allowances; if needful, to disregard a wit- father of His Country arraigned the wee having no interest in his conviction, will cision, pleaded his defective eyesight, which met in secret and listend to no defense. Anturies actual or potential enemies. These ness's opinions altogether. I do not know if George Washington for arboricide the accused serve the State without mischievous zeal and made him miscount the spots on the dice, the other board restored him to win new honors good forefathers-whom Heaven rest-did not they were fit. I do not know that they did was not carefully instructed that he need not perform his disagreeable task with fairness most distinguished lawyer of my acquaint- and endure fresh humiliations, until at last discern the character of their antipathy any make the needful allowances. It is by no answer if a truthful answer would tend to en- ance seriously assured me that if all the cases he escaped both glory and insult by death. means clear to me that any judge or juror, convict him. If he had refused to another officer, whose with which he had been connected had been If the name Dreyfus ought to cover the Many of them honestly believed that in the French, American or Patagonian, is compe- would indubitably have been lambasted un- duty it is to make a rigidly truthful and decided with the dice substantial justice French army and people with confusion. we learned, apparently by divine revelation, him alone to decide for himself what is eviThe custom of permitting a witness to but the truth? What could be finer and bet- about, has chosen to take a sympathetic injustified in donning a robe of right-customass. that frogs were good to eat; and even now dence and what is not. It does not trust wander at will over the entire field of knowledge that frogs were good to eat; and even now dence and what is not. It does not trust wander at will over the entire field of knowledge that from the entire field of knowledge that the entire field of knowl

the refuge of guilt. In endeavoring by aus- self, and pose as an impartial witness, when lawyer they like least or their faith in the terposition of the Commander-in-Chief of the the distinction of a special and particular power assumed their fitness, assumed that criminate himself the French judge logically full of rancor or reeking with compassion. disobediently read every night.

in places where that fundamental verity of him a little, but altogether. It puts him edge, hearsay, surmise and opinion has sev- assure justice?

URING the progress of the Dreyfus enlightenment is still obscured by the noisy under conditions familiar to him-makes him eral distinct advantages over our practice. How close the resemblance is between To those who attribute this interest, so fare

dubitably grotesque.

and now that the accused has been Rennes to an American frog-pond is a pretty sonal affairs. And, for my part, I do not not otherwise bave heard, and who can then thought, and with little sense of the dread commend a paper in the current number of convicted it is loudly asserted that long leap. Let us see if we can jump back. doubt that his decision is as little likely to be brought into court. Or some unguarded and awful nature of his responsibility. The the Century Magazine, entitled "An Amerinone of the testimony against him would Much of the testimony in French courts, be wrong as it would have been had he and apparently irrelevant statement may prosecuting attorney thinks it due to his rep- can Forerunner of Dreyfus." They will find lous for acquittal, and both, having indus- can navy. This persecution was constant Why should justice be denied a chance to triously coached their witnesses, contend throughout the entire period of his service.

Ambrose Bierce

United States. At length he was summarily

the lively Gaul: "I am holler than thou.

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will give him credit. Still he sticks to his windows. Abase th' janitor, abase th' winpost, an' on this pearlous day he was at dows!

in'. Th' little city iv Rennes was packed with these dauntless souls ar-rmed ar-rmy, stalwart, fearless men, with coarse amusement. Ivrybody was talkin' about th' ceer, kissin' th' coort. "Not to begin too far fr'm me rugged brow. 'Cap. Dhryfuss is that had pledged their fortunes motion near th' coort house. Was it a rivoan' their sacred honors an' manny lution? Was this th' beginnin' iv another iv thim their watches to be pris- Saint Barth'mew's day whin th' degraded int an' protect th' public again' th' degradin' passions in Fr-rance pent up durin' three facts. Niver since th' war in Cubia has so hundred years 'd break forth again? Was it manny iv these brave fellows been gathered th' signal iv another div'lish outbreak that'd together at th' risk iv' their lives fr'm over- show th' thrue nature iv th' Fr-rinch people crowdin' th' resthrants. No wan has iver disgeezed behind a varnish iv ojoous politesufficiently described th' turrors iv a corrys- ness which our waiters know nawthin' about? pondint's life excipt th' corryspondints thim- No, alas, alas, 'twas nawthin' a man cud silves. Gin'rals an' other Hars is rewarded, make more thin a column iv. 'Twas th' ac-Th' corryspondint gets no credit. No wan cursed janitor goin' in to open th' degraded



"Tis a good thing for Fr-rance that there are silf-sacrificin' men that don't undher- whin they were awake. Row on row iv jour- matthers iv no importance? We are in-

If he was an English journalist, defindin' th' what moment he might be called upon to de- there cud be seen a brillyant uniform, de- does not apply to your connection with th' fused coat-sleeve iv care, as th' perficious nalists was swept out iv th' room in th' honor iv Fr-rance, again' hersilf. "Tis a good find his life with his honor. Suddenly th' notin' th' prisince iv th' London Times corry- case. As sojers, we bow to th' superyor will; Shakespeare (Cries iv "Conspuez Shakes-flood. A man shovelin' coal in th' cellar sint thing for Fr-rance that there are silf-sacri- brutal policeman who sthud on gyard waved sondint. Th' lawn shook with the ficin' men that don't undherstand her lan- his hand. What cud the brave men do? They througed with ex-mimbers iv th' Fr-rinch preme coort. We have not had time to r-read (The coort weeps.) I laid aside me honor convuisive sobs iv th' former ministers. Gluguage to present her vicious nature to th' were obliged to rethrat in disordher. But Gover'ment; th' gin'ral staff bein' witnesses thim, but we will look at thim afther th' (Cries iv "Brave gin'ral."), with me coat, (Mur-kiss to a former minister at wan iv th' win-



"I dashed to th' Prisidint \* \* \* followed be a wagon load iv forgeries, bogus affidavies an' other statements iv Major Esterhazy."

As they marched it was seen that they were iv this ree-markable thrile. slyly kickin' each other.

cud be heard cries iv "Abase Dhryfuss" an' each other. I wanst see a Fr-rinchman go "Abase Fr-rance," an' thin come th' man on f'r to kiss a man be th' name iv Doherty whom th' lies iv all th' wurruld is einthered, that inthrajooced risolutions in favor iv Cap. Dhryfuss plainly shows his throubles, Fr-rance agin' Germany at a con-vintion. which have made him look tin years younger. Doherty thought he was afther his ear, an' His raven hair is intirely white, an' his stal- laid him out. But in Fr-rance 'tis diff'rent. wart frame with th' shoulders thrown back, They begin be kissin', an' this thrile opined is stooped an' weary. His haggard face was this way. eyes.

Rennes, fightin' th' other corryspondints, or Fear followed uncertainty. No wan knew disagreeable faces. Each gin'ral was attind- mysterious lady in white. Who is she? Some ble! I was with difficulty resthrained fr'm cried. 'Oh, hivin!' I cried. 'What shall I do? ed be his private body gyard iv thried and says she is a Dhryfussard in th' imploy iv killin' him. But I desisted. (Cries iv I cried. They was not a minylt to lose. thrusted perjurers, an' was followed be a Rothscheeld; others that she is an agent iv "Shame!") I said to meslif, 'Th' honor iv disbanded th' ar-rmy. I ordhered th' navy into dhry dock. I had me pitcher took. I wagon load iv forgeries, bogus affidavies an' th' Anti-Semites. No wan has learned her Fr-rance is at stake. Th' whole wurruld is wint home an' hid in th' cellar. Fr wan other statements iv Major Estherhazy. Afther name. She says she is Madame Lucille lookin' at me, at me, Bill Merceer. I will go night Fr-rance was safe!" thim, come th' former ministers iv th' Fr- Gazahs, iv wan hundhred an' eight Rue le rinch Gover'mint, makin' an imposin' line, Bombon, an' is a fav'rite iv th' Fr-rinch which took three hours passin' a given point, stage. She is wan iv th' gr-reat mysthries

Afther th' coort had kissed th' witnesses An interval iv silence followed, in which th' proceedin's opined. 'Tis thrue, they kiss

flushed with insolent confidence, an' th' "Pris'ner," said th' prisidint iv th' coort, cowa'dlee in his face showed in his fearless "th' eyes iv Fr-rance is upon us, th' honor iv eye. As he passed, a young Fr-rinch sojer th' nation is at stake. The' naytional dewas with diff'culty resthrained fr'm sthrikin' finces, th' integrity iv that ar-rmy upon him an' embracin' him with tears in his which Fr-rance must depind in time iv peace, th' virtue iv public life an' th' re-In th' coort room th' scene baffled discrip- ceipts iv th' exposition is involved. Incidention. It was an inspirin' sight f'r th' judges tally ye ar-re bein' thried. But why dhrag in stand her language to prisint her vicious nature to the English an' American public. Other-nalists sharpenin' pencils an' slappin' each sthructed, accordin' to th' pa-apers, be th' to bed an' think it over.' I wint to bed.

They was hardly a dhry eye in th' house wise, Hinnessey, she might think she was as good as the r-rest iv us."

other's faces r-rose to th' ceilin'. Here an' Coort iv Cassation to permit no ividince that Sleep, blessed sleep that sews up th' conaudjience wept. Siv'ral of th' minor four

Hinnessey, she might think she was as tain a fine view of th' thrilling scene that pris'ner not bein' able to find a chair, sat on Gin'ral Merceer, that gallant man, to tell us man impror playin' a Jew's harp. (Cries tw

good as th' r-rest iv us.

H' scene was threemenfously excit
Well, while th' sthreets in Rennes was was followed be th' gin'rals in th' Fr-rinch in's was much noticed, an' caused gr-reat "I obey, mon colonel," says Gin'ral Mer- with a vilent start, th' perspiration poorin' the coort weepin'. They the window sill. His inthrest in th' proceed- th' story iv his life."

"Abase Rothscheeld," an' sensation.) I woke was followed be th' gin'rals in th' Fr-rinch in's was much noticed, an' caused gr-reat "I obey, mon colonel," says Gin'ral Mer- with a vilent start, th' perspiration poorin' the coort weepin'. They the start is a sensation.) I woke was followed be the gin'rals in the Fr-rinch in's was much noticed, an' caused gr-reat "Not to begin too far fr'm me rugged brow. 'Can Dhrytuss is back, an' to make a long story short, I am guilty,' I cried. 'But no, I will confirm me an honest man, an' th' son iv an honest man, ividence.' I darted into me r-red pants. f dhruv with fury to th' home iv Madame "Good," says th' prisidint. "D'ye reconize Cleepathry, th' cillibrated Agyptian asthroloth' pris'ner?" "I do," says Gin'ral Merceer, gist an' med'cine woman. (Th' coert: "We "I seen him wanst dhrinkin' a shell iv Mu- know her, she supplies ividence to all Fr-rinch nich beer in a caafe." (Marked sensation in coorts,") I tol' her me dhream. She projoosed th' coort, an' cries iv "Abase la bock.") a pack ly cards. She tur-rned a r-red king-"I says to mesilf thin, 'This man is a thrat- an' a black knave. "Th' Impror Willum an' tor.' But th' thranin' iv a sojer makes wan Cap, Dhryfuss,' I says, in a fury. I burst cautious. I determined to fortify mesilf with forth, I had Cap, Dhryfuss arristed, I dashed ividince. I put spies on this man, this per- to th' prisidint. He was a-receivin' rayfusals ficious wretch, an' discovered nawthin'. I was fr a new cabinet. 'I have found th' thraitor, paralyzed. An officer iv th' Fr-rinch ar-rmy hears ye he'll declare war, he says. I was



" "She tur-rned a r-red king an' a black knave. 'The Impror Willum an' Dnryfuss,' I says,

English an' American public. Otherwise, our special corryspondint was able f'r to ob- f'r th' prosecution, sat with 'h' coort; th' thrile. In th' mane time, we will call upon murs.) I slept. I dhramed that I see th' Ger- dows, an' resumed his tistimony.